



Rural Weed Control Grants

Weed control grants are available to help new landholders and community groups control Declared Noxious weeds on private land.

Declared Noxious weeds are plants which have been listed under the Catchment and Land Protection Act with the requirement for a landholder to control or eradicate these weeds.

Funding categories

Funding through this grants program is available for the following categories of approved weed control works:

Purchasing herbicide

Supply is limited to non-restricted herbicides such as Metsulfuron methyl for control of blackberries and ragwort. Some herbicides are classified 'restricted use' (eg. Garlon and Grazon) and legally require the person applying the chemical to have an Agricultural Chemical Users Licence (ACUP). These will only be available to those who have a current ACUP.

A disclaimer will need to be signed by the applicant to acknowledge that:

As the recipient of the herbicide the Indemnifier (you) agrees to indemnify and to keep indemnified, and to hold harmless the Council, its servants and agents, and each of them from against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses, penalties, demands and damages whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising out of, or in relation to the Indemnifier's performance or purported performance as the recipient of the herbicide as supplied by the Council and is directly related to negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Indemnifier. The Indemnifier's liability to indemnify the Council will be reduced proportionally to the extent that any act of omission of the Council, its servants or agents, contributed to the loss or liability.

Maximum funding:

- \$50 for properties below 5 Ha
- \$100 for properties over 5 Ha or community groups.

Hiring contractors

To be eligible funding, landowners must employ a licensed spray contractor:

Maximum funding:

- \$50 for properties between 0.5 Ha and 2 Ha
- \$100 for properties between 2 Ha and 5 Ha
- \$200 for properties over 5 Ha or community groups.

The grant is available for new landowners in rural areas and community groups such as Landcare or "Friends of" groups within Baw Baw Shire that clearly demonstrate a need for funding.

Preference will be given to landholders who meet the following selection criteria:

- The landholder has recently purchased a property with historic problems with Declared Noxious weeds such as blackberries, thistles and ragwort
- The landholder will be working with neighbours or community groups – Landcare or Friends Groups to control weeds on a larger scale
- The landholder wishes to control significant weeds in areas of high biodiversity value on private property

Only one grant is available per landowner and is limited to annual funding available.

Application process

The application form is included in this pack. Eligible applicants are encouraged to complete the application form and submit it to Council's Natural Environment team for assessment. Completed forms can be returned either in hard copy to one of Council's Customer Service Centres in Drouin or Warragul, by post (PO Box 304, Warragul 3820) or by email to Tree.Grants@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au

If successful, the applicant will be notified by phone or email within four weeks of submitting the application.

Successful applications

If your application has been successful, a copy of your form will be sent to the nominated supplier/contractor. Successful applicants will need to collect the herbicide from local suppliers. When the works have been completed, the supplier/contractor will invoice Council for payment.

Preferred agricultural suppliers

- Brown and Wigg – 125 North Rd, Warragul.
Phone: 5623 6911.
- Yarragon Grain and Produce – Phone 5632 2435.
 - 147 Queen St, Warragul
 - Main Rd Neerim Sth
 - 7 Mile Rd Trafalgar

Listed spray contractors

- G and A Spraying, Morwell
Phone: 0420 684 225
- Dale Morris, Seaview
Phone: 0409 106 108
- Habitat Creations, Yarragon
Phone: 0409 783 866
- Bayles Spraying, Bayles
Phone: 0438 135 924

Application form

Name			
Address			
Phone			
Email			
Property size (Ha)			
ACUP Permit No.		Expiry date	
I am applying for (Please select one)	Purchasing herbicide ☐ Hiring of contractor ☐ Other ☐	If other, please specify:	
If applying for herbicide, please let us know what type you require: Disclaimer: <i>As the recipient of the herbicide the Indemnifier (you) agrees to indemnify and to keep indemnified, and to hold harmless the Council, its servants and agents, and each of them from against all actions, costs, claims, charges, expenses, penalties, demands and damages whatsoever which may be brought or made or claimed against them, or any of them, arising out of, or in relation to the Indemnifier's performance or purported performance as the recipient of the herbicide as supplied by the Council and is directly related to negligent acts, errors or omissions of the Indemnifier. The Indemnifier's liability to indemnify the Council will be reduced proportionally to the extent that any act of omission of the Council, its servants or agents, contributed to the loss or liability.</i>			
Name of Landcare or Friends group (if applicable): 			
Using Common Weeds of Gippsland booklet as a reference, list the weeds to be controlled. Must be listed as Declared Noxious weeds i.e. blackberry, ragwort, thistles. Weeds to be controlled: 			
Description of infestation (Please select one)	Scattered ☐ Large patches ☐ Extensive ☐		

Approximate number of hectares of infestation			
Location of infestation (Please select one)	Pasture ☐ Bushland or natural area ☐		
Preferred supplier or contractor (Must be from approved list)			
Name of landholder			
Signed		Date	